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The President/Mr. Kissinger

11:02 p.m., April 7, 1971

K: I thought you might like to hear a cable from Bunker which we received.

P: Yeah.

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K: (Read the cable -- attached)

P: That's nice, that's nice, very, very nice. What the hell, we have heard nothing from McGregor, Rumsfeld, Finch, I suppose they are all off cowering someplace.

K: McGregor called Haldeman.

P: What did he say?

K: He said he was disappointed with the withdrawal but thought otherwise --

P: Guess we'll shake him up a little bit too -- the hell with the rest -- I talked to Rockefeller.

K: Rockefeller --

P: Oh, hell, he talked very nice. His own future is at stake too you know, if I ever go down, he might go up but --

K: He would never go against you, he might not say as much publicly as we would like for him to say but he would never go against you.

P: And Reagan and Johnson --

K: Reagan called in.

P: What did he say?

K: Very moving, outstanding, the best Republican to all these softies or whatever.

P: Okay, thank you.

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FROM: AMBASSADOR BUNKER, SAIGON 0069

TO: THE WHITE HOUSE, EYES ONLY FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER

1. We have just heard the President's moving and courageous speech.

It has inspired us all with a renewed sense of dedication and determination.

Please say to him that all of us here are resolved to achieve the goals

he has so eloquently stated. Please express to the President my

admiration and respect for his great personal courage.

2. My congratulations go to you also for the great share you have had

in all this.

3. Warmest personal regards.

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